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Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2011-2012

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip ("PET film") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). The period of review ("POR") is November 1, 2011, through October 31, 2012. The review covers two mandatory respondents (Shaoxing Xiangyu Green Packing Co., Ltd. and Tianjin Wanhua Co., Ltd.) and three separate rate respondents. We have preliminarily found that the respondents have made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value ("NV"). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Insert date of publication in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Hill or Thomas Martin, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement & Compliance, International Trade Administration,

Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3518 or (202) 482-3936, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are all gauges of raw, pre-treated, or primed PET film, whether extruded or co-extruded.¹ PET film is classifiable under subheading 3920.62.00.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Tolling of Deadlines for Preliminary Results

As explained in the memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from October 1, through October 16, 2013.² Therefore, all deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 16 days. The revised deadline for the preliminary results of this review is now December 18, 2013.

<u>Methodology</u>

The Department has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). Export prices have been calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Because the PRC is a non-market economy ("NME") within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, NV has been calculated in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act.

¹ For a complete description of the scope of the order, <u>see</u> "Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Results of 2011-2012 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from the People's Republic of China" from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, dated concurrently with this notice ("Preliminary Decision Memorandum").

² <u>See</u> Memorandum for the Record from Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," (October 18, 2013).

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, please see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System ("IA ACCESS"). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at http://iaaccess.trade.gov. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is also available in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Preliminary Decision

Preliminary Results of Review

The Department preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the POR:

Exporter	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (Percent)
Shaoxing Xiangyu Green Packing Co., Ltd.	34.69
Tianjin Wanhua Co., Ltd.	22.07
Fuwei Films (Shandong) Co., Ltd.	31.77
Sichuan Dongfang Insulating Material Co., Ltd.	31.77
DuPont Teijin Films China Ltd. DuPont Hongji Films Foshan Co., Ltd., and DuPont Teijin Hongji Films Ningbo Co., Ltd.	31.77

Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department intends to disclose calculations performed for these preliminary results to the parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review.³ Rebuttal briefs may be filed no later than five days after case briefs are filed and may respond only to arguments raised in the case briefs.⁴ A table of contents, list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. This summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement & Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁵ Requests should contain the party's name. address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral argument presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a date and time to be determined.⁶ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

All submissions, with limited exceptions, must be filed electronically using IA ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department's electronic records system, IA ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time ("ET") on the due

See 19 CFR 351.309(c). See 19 CFR 351.309(d).

See generally 19 CFR 351.303.

date. Documents excepted from the electronic submission requirements must be filed manually (i.e., in paper form) with the APO/Dockets Unit in Room 1870 and stamped with the date and time of receipt by 5 p.m. ET on the due date.⁸

The Department intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Deadline for Submission of Publicly Available Surrogate Value Information

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.301(c)(3)(ii), the deadline for submission of publicly available information to value factors of production under 19 CFR 351.408(c) is 20 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results of this review. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.301(c)(1), if an interested party submits factual information less than 10 days before, on, or after (if the Department has extended the deadline), the applicable deadline for submission of such factual information, an interested party may submit factual information to rebut, clarify, or correct the factual information no later than ten days after such factual information is served on the interested party. However, if the deadline for submission of surrogate value information has passed, the Department generally will not accept in the rebuttal submission additional or alternative surrogate value information not previously on the record. Furthermore, the Department generally will not accept business proprietary information in either the surrogate value submissions or the rebuttals thereto, as the regulation regarding the submission of surrogate values allows only for the submission of publicly available information.

⁸ <u>See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011).</u>

⁹ See, e.g., Glycine from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Rescission, in Part, 72 FR 58809 (October 17, 2007), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum at Comment 2.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.301(c)(3).

Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results of this review, the Department will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. 11 The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication date of the final results of this review. We intend to instruct CBP to liquidate entries containing subject merchandise exported by the PRC-wide entity at the PRC-wide rate. Where either a respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or de minimis, or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or de minimis, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. For any individually examined respondent and its importer(s) where neither of those situations is the case, in the final results of this review we will calculate an importer-specific per-unit assessment rate by dividing the total dumping margins for reviewed sales to the importer by the total sales quantity associated with those sales.

On October 24, 2011, the Department announced a refinement to its assessment practice in NME antidumping duty cases. 12 Pursuant to this refinement in practice, for merchandise that was not reported in the U.S. sales databases submitted by an exporter individually examined during this review, but that entered under the case number of that exporter (i.e., at the individually-examined exporter's cash deposit rate), the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the PRC-wide rate. Additionally, pursuant to this refinement, if the Department determines that an exporter under review had no shipments of the subject

 ¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).
 12 See Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011), for a full discussion of this practice.

merchandise, any suspended entries that entered under that exporter's case number will be liquidated at the PRC-wide rate.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for shipments of the subject merchandise from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by sections 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for the exporters listed above, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review (except, if the rate is zero or de minimis, then the cash deposit rate will be zero for that exporter); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not listed above that have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding; (3) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate for the PRC-wide entity, 76.72 percent; and (4) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)	(1) and
777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213.	
Ronald K. Lorentzen	
Acting Assistant Secretary	
for Enforcement and Compliance	
December 18, 2013	
Date.	

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